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ENERGY

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF SOUTH	)	ORDER FURTHER SUSPENDING
JERSEY GAS COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF	)	INCREASES, CHANGES OR
INCREASED BASE TARIFF RATES AND CHARGES	)	ALTERATIONS IN RATES FOR
FOR GAS SERVICE AND OTHER TARIFF REVISIONS	)	SERVICE
	)	
	)	BPU DOCKET NO. GR13111137

**Parties of Record:**

**Ira G. Megdal, Esq.**, on behalf of South Jersey Gas Company  
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**BY THE BOARD:**

On November 29, 2013, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12, South Jersey Gas Company ("Petitioner" or "South Jersey"), a public utility of the State of New Jersey subject to the jurisdiction of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board"), filed a petition for approval of an increase in its operating revenues of approximately \$62.6 million or 13.5% to be effective for gas service provided on or after December 30, 2013, as well as for certain other tariff changes. According to the petition, the primary reasons for the requested increase are the ongoing increasing capital expenditures for infrastructure improvements to ensure system reliability and to comply with federal pipeline safety regulations, combined with the capital expenditures associated with the implementation of two new critical information technology system improvements and a new liquefied natural gas ("LNG") Liquefaction System.

On December 6, 2014, the Board transmitted this matter to the Office of Administrative Law ("OAL") for hearings, and on March 19, 2014, the Board issued an Order suspending the proposed rates until April 30, 2014.

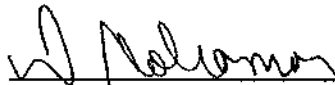
In light of the fact that this matter will not be completed by April 30, 2014, and it appearing that the proposed revisions will increase existing rates and change or alter existing classifications in Company's tariff, it is **HEREBY ORDERED** that:


- (1) Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 (d), the proposed revisions are further suspended until July 29, 2014, unless prior to that date the Board makes a determination disposing of the petition;
- (2) Petitioner shall, at least ten (10) days prior to the date set for hearing on the petition by the Office of Administrative Law, file with this Board and with the Office of Administrative Law, proof of compliance with the notice provisions of N.J.S.A. 48:2-32.2 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12 (b) and (c), which notice shall include a statement that any relief found by the Board to be just and reasonable may be allocated by the Board to any class or classes of customers on any rate or schedule as the Board may determine; and
- (3) Petitioner shall, at the same time it files with the Board, unless it has already provided the proof of notice required under (2) above, also file proof of service of copies of this Order upon the Office of Administrative Law, Division of Rate Counsel, the clerks of each affected municipality, the clerks of the Boards of Chosen Freeholders of each affected County, and where appropriate, the executive officer of each affected County within its service area. Service of the petition, notice of hearings and this Suspension Order may be made simultaneously.

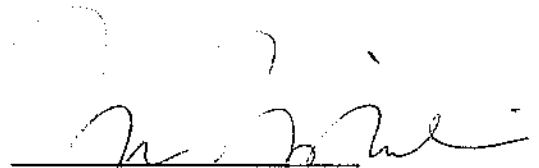
This Order shall be effective on May 2, 2014.

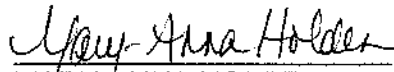
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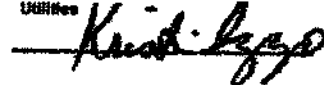
  
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within document is a true copy of the original in the files of the Board of Public Utilities



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